

JAYCOX, HENRY H.

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JAYCOX, HENRY H., born in Montgomery County, New York, about 1834, married (1) Kate Pittman Bovee,, a native of New York and a daughter of Philip Bovee,, at Eagle, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, November 4, 1855; he left for California in September, 1858, and his wife obtained a divorce based on desertion, at Waukesha on June 11, 1867; their son, Henry Lafayette (born, May 13, 1859 at Eagle - died March 16, 1947, at Prescott, Arizona) married, Rosa May Henley at Kirkland, A.T., May 19, 1901.

Married (2) Jennie Holly in Oregon in July, 1875, who divorced him at La Grande, Union County, Oregon, by a suit filed on November 20, 1883; they had 3 daughters born in Oregon, Luella, in 1876, Iona in 1878, and May, in 1881; the following inquiry was published in the Prescott Courier of June 23, 1883:

Mrs. Jennie Jaycox of Island City, Oregon, is anxious to learn the whereabouts of her husband, Henry H. Jaycox, who is supposed to be in Arizona. Do any of our citizens know where "Jay" is?

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) age 28, married, family in Wisconsin, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 4 months, property valued at \$200; he was a member of the Second Woolsey Expedition against the Apache Indians, March 29 to April 17, 1864; also participated in the Third Woolsey Expedition which left the Agua Fria Ranch on June 1, 1864, and returned 87 days later after exploring Eastern Arizona as far as Fort Goodwin on the upper Gila River; Colonel Woolsey's report states:

We continued down Tonto Creek to a point about 5 miles from its mouth where we turned East

and struck a mesa to Salt River at a point 4 miles above the junction of the Creek. Finding our stock of provisions was getting low, I started a pack train to the Pimo Villages (on June 10). It consisted of 36 animals with an escort of 23 men under the command of Henry Jaycox.

The pack train rejoined the Expedition at the Apache Indian wheat fields on Pinal Creek, about 10 miles below the present site of Globe, on July 3 and he remained with it until the party of 92 men was disbanded on August 27, 1864.

Listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Rio Verde, Yavapai County, age 37, occupation - Farmer; the Prescott Arizona Miner made the following references to him:

August 30, 1873 - - Messrs. Willard Rice & Henry Jaycox have finished working 5 tons of ore, at Bowers' water mill on the Agua Fria, from which they saved \$175.00, or \$35.00 per ton which was a yield of \$15 per ton more than they had calculated upon. The ore was from the Cornucopia lode, in the Black Hills, a lode we have previously referred to as being a good thing. Mr. Rice naturally feels well over the result obtained, as well he may, for he asserts that there are from 300 to 500 tons of just as good ore at the vein, lying on top of the ground.

October 25, 1873 - - Messrs. Rice and Jaycox are still engaged in the good work of reducing ore from the Cornucopia mine in their arastra, at Bowers' ranch, 18 miles east of Prescott. The last run yielded between forty and fifty dollars to the ton, in free gold.

In 1874, The Tucson Citizen printed dispatches which read:

Prescott, September 16.--Messrs. N. P. Pearce, Jaycox & Bowers arrived here yesterday from the Greenwood, with about \$500 worth of gold, the proceeds of 8 tons of rock recently worked in their arastras. This gold is the finest

yet brought into this market. San Francisco returns show that it coins \$18.13 per ounce.

Prescott, September 24 - - W. H. Hardy is here and brings flattering news from Mohave County. The mine of Pierce, Jaycox and others is a truly poor-man's. With two arastras they are taking out a great deal of gold. They are working on a small creek in sight of a vein over 300 feet high by seven in width--the creek having washed away the dirt and exposed so much of the vein.

Prescott, November 11 - - N. P. Pierce and Henry Jaycox who have been some months at work with arastras on their Greenwood mine near the eastern line of Mohave county, having had several offers for their mine, finally authorized R. W. Groom to sell it for a certain sum. After waiting some time they themselves sold it to Davis & Randall of Mineral Park, who at once started supplies and men to go to work, when Mr. Groom unexpectedly notified Messrs. Pierce & Jaycox that he had effected a sale to the agent of John P. Jones of Nevada for ten thousand and the money was ready.

After the sale of his mining properties, he went to Oregon, but had returned to Arizona, by 1882, since his name appears on the Great Register of Yavapai County at Big Bug that year and at Williamson Valley in 1884; the report of his death in the Globe Arizona Silver Belt is as follows:

H. H. Jaycox, 65 years of age, was found dead in his bed on Salt river, last Sunday (Jan. 20). He had been working for Mrs. Hocker and slept in a cabin on the premises. Not seeing anyone on Sunday morning, Doc. Henderson went to the cabin, and after knocking and receiving no response, tried the door and found it locked. Upon investigation he satisfied himself that Mr. Jaycox was in the cabin in bed, and thereupon forced an entrance, and discovered that Mr. Jaycox was dead.

G. G. Howard came to town that night and notified the Coroner, who went out Monday morning, taking Dr. Claypool with him. An inquest was held,

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which resulted in finding that death ensued from natural causes. Mr. Jaycox was a native of New York State and has a son living in Peeples Valley in this Territory, who has been notified of his father's death. The burial took place on Salt River Tuesday.

Died at Hocker's Ranch on Salt River, Gila County, A. T., January 20, 1901; buried there; Jaycox Mountain and Jaycox Tank in Coconino County, Arizona, named for him.

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